

## Pray for:

- ✿ France: Grace to the three native French trainees in the FTT London; gospel blitz throughout September on university campuses in Paris; Chinese-speaking conference September 14-16 in Paris.
- ✿ Europe: Contact with the university students during the month of September, especially the first-year students, before classes begin in October.
- ✿ Canada: That the Lord would at least double the number of churches in the next ten years; that all the existing and new churches in Canada would be the testimony of Jesus in their respective cities, representing the unique Body of Christ.
- ✿ Quebec: Continued shepherding of contacts in Quebec City, Granby and Trois-Rivières; raising up of churches in these cities in the Lord's time and in the Lord's way.
- ✿ English-speaking saints: Raising up of more core saints to carry the burden for more group meetings in the central region; that the saints in the groups might develop genuine divine love for each other; multiplication of groups according to the growth in life; increase in gospel-preaching as a normal way of life; follow-up and shepherding of Bible recipients.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Luke 9:37-11:13
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization Study of the Book of Psalms, vol. 4, week 22

## Announcements

- ✿ Pre-order the 2013 Chinese Gospel Calendar today. Please sign-up on the sheet in the book room. The deadline for pre-ordering is October 28, 2012.
- ✿ Registration for the Winter Semi-Annual Training is now open. Please sign up with Esther before the deadline of October 21, 2012.
- ✿ There will be BFC data entry times on Sunday Sept. 16 & Sunday Sept. 23 starting from 2pm. Anyone who has a burden to help with data entry is welcome to attend. Please bring your laptops.
- ✿ This year's International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from Thursday, November 22 through Lord's Day, November 25, 2012.
- ✿ There will be a conference in Israel from November 15-17. There is also a tour of Israel from November 8-15, with the option of a tour to Jordan from November 18-20.

Registration deadline for accommodations at the conference is October 15. See [www.jitravelinisrael.com](http://www.jitravelinisrael.com) for tour information.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

9	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1 ✿ Cleaning: French, Spanish
16	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2 ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two
23	✿ Serving: English (A) ✿ Cleaning: English
30	✿ Serving: N.D.G ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sep 22-23, Bussigny, Switzerland: **International French-speaking conference**
- ✿ Oct 4-6, Yokohama, Japan: **International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones**
- ✿ Oct 26-28, St. John, Antigua: **English-speaking conference** with French translation
- ✿ Nov. 9-11, Toronto, Canada: **All Canada brothers' fellowship**
- ✿ Nov. 15-17, Karei Deshe, Israel: **Fall conference**
- ✿ Nov. 22-25, Oklahoma City: **International Thanksgiving conference**

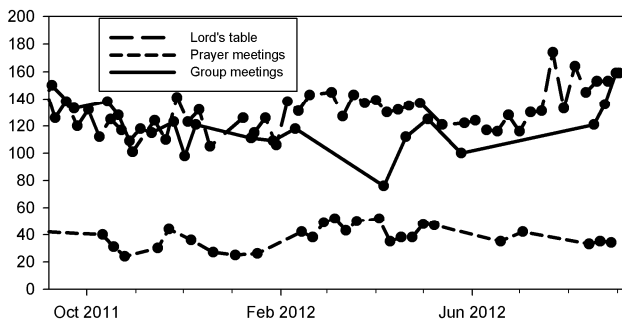
*More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	✿ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table
<b>9</b>	✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	
<b>10</b>	✿
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>11</b>	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>12</b>	✿ 10am-12pm: Chinese ministry book pursuing meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>13</b>	✿ 8:00pm, Ste-Adèle: Fellowship for the team and responsible brothers with brother Ron Kangas
<b>Thursday</b>	

<b>14 Friday</b>	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>SEPTEMBER 15 Saturday</b>	✿ Lunch for college saints with brother Ron Kangas ✿ 7:30pm, Meeting hall: Fellowship for all serving ones with brother Ron Kangas
<b>16 LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10 – 11am, Meeting hall: Lord's table ✿ 11am-12:30pm, Meeting hall: Brother Ron Kangas' sharing with the saints ✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

## Attendance Statistics



## Our Life

**Scripture Reading: Col. 3:4; Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20**

### II. For to me, to live is Christ (continued)

It is, of course, a suffering for us to die. But it is equally a suffering for us to live before God. We have no idea what God's holiness is all about. We do not know what love is and what the cross is. For men like us to try to live unto God is indeed an unbearable burden. The more we try to live, the more we sigh and suffer. It is a big struggle to labor and strive to live the Christian life. In fact, it is altogether impossible for us to do it. We could never satisfy God's demands. Some people always have a bad temper. Others can never be humble; they are always proud. For a proud person to try to live in God's presence and act humbly every day is a very wearisome and tiring task. Paul was a weary and worn-out Christian in Romans 7. He said, "For to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not" (v. 18). Every day he willed, but every day he failed. This is why he could only sigh, "Wretched man that I am!" (v. 24). Actually, being a Christian is not an exercise akin to putting a carnal man in heaven and subjecting him to slavery there. Fortunately, no carnal man can enter heaven. Otherwise, as soon as he entered it, he would run away quickly; he would not be able to stand even one day there. His

temperament would be too different from God's temperament, and his thought too far from God's thought. His ways would be too different from God's ways, and his views too different from God's view. How would he ever be able to meet God's demands? There would be nothing he could do before God except run away.

But this is a gospel for you. God does not want you to do good. He does not want you to make up your mind to do good. God only wants Christ to live in you. God does not care about good or bad; He cares about who is doing the good. God is not satisfied with good alone; He wants to know who is doing the good.

Hence, God's way is not for us to imitate Christ or to walk like Christ. Neither is it to plead on our knees for strength to walk like Christ. God's way is for us to experience that it is "no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." Do we see the difference here? This is not a matter of imitating Christ's life, nor of being empowered to live this life, but a matter of no longer being the ones living at all. God does not allow us to live according to ourselves. We do not come to God by ourselves; we come to God through Christ living in us. It is not a matter of imitating Christ or of receiving some power from Christ, but of Christ living in us.

This is the living of a believer. The living of a believer is one in which it is no longer him who lives, but it is Christ living in him. In the past I was the one who lived, not Christ. But today, it is not I who live, but Christ. Another One has come to live in my place. If a person cannot say, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me," this person does not know what Christianity is; he does not know the life of Christ, nor the life of a believer. He is merely aspiring to be "not I but Christ." But Paul did not say that he was striving to be this way. He told us that this was how he lived. His way was to stop living by himself and to let Christ live instead.

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